

Deadline to submit articles for "The Epistle" is the 15th of each month.

Blessing of the Backpacks



**Sunday
August 4
10:30**

Students of all ages and Teachers may bring their backpacks to be blessed during the service.

Coffee with the Curate

At The Daily Grind

**Wednesday
July 24**

**2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Come and Go As You Are**



Thank you to Church of the Mediator for hosting VBS, especially the crew that provided such delicious dinners, three nights in a row!

Thank you to Claire Hanschke for leading us in music. Thank you to the youth from St. Paul's and Church of the Mediator for leading the "Schools of Fish." And thank you to all of the adult participants who stayed for the lessons after dinner.

—Mtr. Katie

It's been an entire year since I started as your Curate here at St. Paul's. What an honor and privilege it has been to be welcomed into your lives, to hear your stories, to share meals with you, to pray alongside you, to laugh with you, to cry with you, into dream about where God is leading us next.

When people ask, "what is a Curate?" I used to jokingly respond, "a Curate is a baby priest, someone green and right out of seminary." Very few parishes in the diocese can participate in the ministry of supporting a Curate. It is a significant commitment of a parish's resources to take part in the work of a forming the newly ordained.

Thanks be to God for St. Paul's long legacy of faithful mentorship of many curates across the decades! One year into my Curacy I no longer feel like a baby priest who is green behind the gills. From the first Sunday, you readily trusted me to do the work of a priest of proclaiming the gospel, celebrating the sacraments, and being a



pastor to you and the people of Meridian. I credit my growth as a pastor, preacher and priest to the encouragement and generosity of the parishioners and staff of St. Paul's. It is not easy to trust the new kid. We might be suspicious of someone who is "not from around these parts." But you as a parish have opened your hearts to God working through new folks like me who aren't always sure what we are doing, but are willing to

learn from folks like you who are eager to teach us.

I am so grateful to every individual and into the entire parish for your love, prayers and support over the past year. I am excited to see where God is leading St. Paul's in the coming months and years. Whatever it is, I trust we will respond to it as a community grounded in the love and hope of Jesus Christ.

—Grace and Peace, Mtr. Katie



GOD WILLING AND THE PEOPLE CONSENTING

The Reverend Doctor Dorothy Sanders Wells

WILL BE ORDAINED AND CONSECRATED A BISHOP IN THE
ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH
AND

ELEVENTH BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI

SATURDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF JULY
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
ATHLETICS AND RECREATION CENTER (ARC)
RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

CHIEF CONSECRATOR
THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL B. CURRY
PRESIDING BISHOP AND PRIMATE OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE BISHOP AND STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE
REQUEST YOUR PRAYERS AND THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE

Clergy: Red stoles
Bishops: Rochet, chimere
Priests and Deacons: Cassock, surplice

Reception following
Details: msbishopsearch.com

**A NEW
THING IS
HAPPENING
WITH
FORMATION!**

Beginning Aug. 14
St. Paul's will offer
formation classes
for children, youth
and families as part
of Wednesday
Night Supper.

#NotYourMama'sSundaySchool



August 4, 2024
Two Eucharistic services return
8 a.m. (no music)
10:30 a.m. (with hymns)

We Remember in our Prayers

For our Parish family: Amy Cady, Chip Harwell, Don Pringle, Bev Pringle, DJ Wells, Eve Morrison, Jean Merrell, Jerry Wayton, Kay Dickson, Margaret Van Dyke, Mary Dunn, Patrick Leach, Peggy Carrico, Tee, Wanda Blount and Woodie Abraham.

In our senior living communities: Lora Jones, Mary Weems and Susan Hamilton.

Extended family and friends: Alisha Crowell, Amanda Lockley, Betty Harris, Betty Perry, Bill Selman, Bob Soulé, Brooke, Catherine Crews, Charlotte Chaney, Christy Covert, Christopher Alexander, Claire Griffith, Clancy, Cory Gaylord, Davey Simmons, David, Diane Dunn, Diane Grace, Donna Polizzi, Emily Rush, Evie Warden, Francois DuPlessis, Frances Leach, Frank Baker, Frank Barrett, Gail Richardson, George Farr, Gloria Addison, Hays Monsour, Jacob Neely, Jada Dooley, James, Jan, Jeana Bennett, Jennifer Abraham, Joe Roberts, Jo Nell Brown, Jim McGinnis, Jim Thompson, John, Josiah Christian, Ken Fisher, Kevin Williams, Kylie Temple, Lanier McCullough, Larry Houchins, Leland Tew, Leigh Ziller, Less Wayne Neely, Lou Dubose, Lynne Taleff, Mark McCoayto, Martha Mazingo, Marti & Will Sorey, Mason, Matt White, Maye P., Michelle Nelson, Mike Covert, Mize, Norman, Pat Carver, Paul Parker, Phyllis Campbell, Rachel Neely, Ralph Abraham, Randy Moore, Richard Graham, Rick, Ronnie Miller, Sandra Gray, Sandy Carrier, Scott Richardson, Shirley Hunter Croft, Steve Waddle, Susan Nichols, Taylor Wright, Tammy, Thomas Little, Thomas M., Tom Blackledge, Tom Schram, Travis Sadler, Trent Hartzog, Walker Mims, Wanda Farr, Wanda Scott and Zack Martin.

We pray for those who have died especially Joyce Welsh, sister of Marilyn Green; Ruby Creach; Robert Morton Smith; Elliott Street; Bent Moulds; Pearce Dickson, son of Kay Dickson; and Betty Cady, mother of Jim Cady.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, for all who serve overseas and their families, especially Andrew Behm, Shum Benson, Cody Blackwell, Connor Covert, Graham Ford, Luke Graham, Zack Hendericks, and DJ Robinson.

We pray for Bishop-elect Dorothy, for our Rector Austin and his family and our Curate Katie.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 1Brandon Dunn, Avery Harwell Ethridge, Lauretta Hamilton	July 19Patrick & Michelle Lewis
July 2Lloyd Gray, Joy Greer, Susan Nowak, Chuck Rea	July 20Malcom Gee
July 5Alexa Hogan	July 22Eugene & Melinda Perry, Beth Wuestefeld
July 10Joanne Entrekim	July 24David & Jo Benson, Franklin Davis, Kim Gianakos
July 13Michael Crowe, Will & Edie Simmons	July 25Sabina Ivy
July 14Payton Hanschke, Michael Kerekes, Kay Reich	July 27Ducky McCormick
July 15Christopher Collis, Stacey Harwell	July 28Alyce Cunningham, John Michael & Juliet McDonald
July 16Steve & Shelby Slade, Reese Stump	July 29Perrin Burchfield
July 17Eugene Perry	July 30Sue Farr
July 18Larry & Lisa Love, Isabell Martin	

Services

	JULY 14	JULY 21	JULY 28
VESTRY COUNTERS	Marty McIntyre & Bob Covert (All month)		
9:30 A.M.			
READER 1	Lynn Waddle	Bob Covert	John Carrier
READER 2	Marty McIntyre	Tiffany McGehee	Geoff McIntyre
PRAYERS	Candy Ward	Joan Moore	Bobbie Rea
USHERS	Catherine Little Judge Little	John Howell Lisa Howell	Susan Nowak Larry Nowak
ACOLYTES	Wyatt Bond	Payton Hanschke	Carlyle Breaux
ALTAR GUILD	Rainey Breaux Kay Reich	Candy Ward Stacey Harwell	Candy Ward Stacey Harwell
CHALICE	Edie Simmons	John Carrier	Bob Covert